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Smith, was greatly enjoyed; and all agreed that such entertainment as the boat ride on the Delaware and the automobile trip to Valley Forge was ideally restful in the midst of such absorbing and strenuous meetings as ours. The newly elected president was not present, but a telegram arrived from her at exactly the time that she would have been presented to the Society: "Deeply appreciate honor conferred by Society, Mary H. Greenwood."

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Miss Mary H. Greenwood, Jewish Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio; vice-president, Miss Maud Banfield, Polyclinic Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; second vice-president, Miss Florence W. Henderson, Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, Canada; secretary, Miss Georgia M. Nevins, Garfield Memorial Hospital, Washington, District of Columbia; treasurer, Miss Anna L. Alline, 132 Lancaster Street, Albany, New York; councillors, Miss M. Adelaide Nutting, Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York City; Miss Annie W. Goodrich, Bellevue Hospital, New York City; auditors, Miss Ada M. Carr, 219½ East North Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland; Mrs. E. G. Fournier, Hope Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

GEORGIA M. NEVINS, Secretary.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

BY THE HON. JOHN E. REYBURN, Mayor of Philadelphia

I want to express the pleasure I have at being here this morning and extending to those of you who are strangers in the city the hospitality and welcome on the part of the chief magistrate. Representing, as I do, the people, I am sure that I am simply expressing their sentiment—that they welcome you, and will be glad *after* you have gone. The city of Philadelphia at this time and for several years has been engaged in plans for erecting hospitals on a large scale. Of course, those of you who are residents of the city will know that I have only been in the office about six weeks; but I find that for years there have been great plans laid for hospitals and places for the care of the sick of all classes and conditions; so that I feel that the gathering of your organization here to-day is peculiarly fitting and ought to be welcomed on the part of the authorities and the people of the city as just the thing that should have occurred. Because I believe you have these improvements in our hospital conditions and in the care of those that are helpless thoroughly at heart, if you will give some attention to this subject, as I have no doubt you intend to do,

that being one of the reasons you have come together, you will give valuable assistance to the authorities who have charge of that great work and will help us to help the public and especially the helpless.

You know, we have bought a large amount of ground up at the very extreme end of the city, in what we might call the northeastern section. The land, so far as it lies and as it is to-day, seems to me very well adapted for the purpose. There is a large amount of it, and the country is beautiful around it. The lands themselves are rich—not the ordinary waste lands that are sometimes devoted to these objects, but they have been cultivated and lived upon and there is something human about them—something that it seems to me, if they are treated from the right standpoint, will do much good to those who deserve it and whom we have under our care. You, who are accustomed to caring for such people, who study their conditions and the things that will benefit them the most, *I think* should help us, and I hope you will. I repeat myself by saying that at this very time, not only I, as the mayor, the chief magistrate of the city, but every one, will regard your visit as peculiarly fitting just now; and I am obliged to you and will be obliged to you for any suggestions or any thoughts that your Convention may have upon this subject. Again allow me to thank you for this opportunity, which I assure you I appreciate.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

BY MRS. CORNELIUS STEVENSON

MADAME President, Monsignor, Mr. Mayor, Ladies: In addressing you to-day, at the request of your president, I feel considerable diffidence, for I realize how little I know of the practical working details of your association, yet every man, woman and child must feel that his or her interests are closely linked with your own. Moreover, I feel some degree of personal pleasure in standing before you as an archæological specimen, as it were, a survival of old conditions which—thanks to heaven and to yourselves—have been superseded; for as a member of a large and stirring family, of which, perhaps, I was the aptest member, I was called upon in the days of my youth to nurse a large number of serious cases, in my ignorant, rule-of-thumb sort of way, with such assistance as the time afforded; that is, uneducated, self-constituted nurses of the Sarah Gamp type who very often made it necessary for one to stand by and protect the patient. So that to-day I feel as if, perhaps, I were better able, by contrast, to appreciate the value of your work and of your association than